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## Wooderson Cracks World Records for Half Mile and 800 Meters

## Win, Lose or Draw

Cochrane May Reach Boston, but Not as Pilot; Rumor-Mongers Say Harris Will Return to Sox.

By FRANCIS E. STAN, Staff Correspondent of The Star.

BOSTON, August 20.—Some of the salaried rumor-mongers in the village are spreading the word, with unblinking forethought, that (1) Joe Cronin will leave the Red Sox when his five-year contract expires; (2) Mickey Cochrane will wind up in Boston, and (3) Bucky Harris will return to Fenway to manage Tom Yawkey's baseball firm. It is one of the most fantastic rumors since some dope predicted that Detroit would fire Cochrane and expected people to believe it.

Around town Cronin is a more popular figure than ever. The Burghers have stopped expecting Joe to live up to his \$250,000 price tag and Cronin, in turn, has lived down the jitters he contracted as a result of that sale in 1934. He doesn't drop one knee to the turf every time a roller is hit directly at him and his play is more like the brand he used to deliver at Washington. Early next month Boston is going to give Cronin what the boys call "a day," and among other gifts the poor guy who is struggling along on \$30,000 a year is going to get what is a new automobile. He already owns two cars.

I mention this to establish a judicial sort of a background for the rumor. It isn't that Boston is tired or dissatisfied with Cronin. At least he was in good standing at press time. But since Uncle Clark Griffith shipped Joe to Boston it was understood that some day, when the old gentleman decided to quit worrying over his play and duck pitchers he would turn the Washington A. C. over to Cronin.

The terms of the Red Sox contract called for Cronin to serve a five-year term at \$30,000 per year. The contract will run out at the end of the 1939 season. By that time Griffith will be pressing the 70-year-old mark and will be calling upon Son-in-Law Joe. These items, without embellishment, seem to compose the Cronin-to-Washington evidence.

## Mickey Remembered in Beantown.

The belief that Cochrane would be a popular figure in Boston has whiskers. It started back in the 1934 season, when the grapevine buzzed the report that Harris and General Manager Eddie Collins were not hitting it off and that Boston was looking for a new manager. Cochrane was mentioned as Bucky's successor, but Frank Navin of Detroit bought Mickey from Connie Mack for \$100,000 and Yawkey grabbed Cronin.

Yawkey presented Cronin with a five-year contract but, somehow, it always was understood that Cochrane eventually would wind up in Beantown. After all, Mickey had gone to college at Boston University. He was a fighting football halfback and a fair sort of a basketball and baseball player for dear old B. U. and the townfolk remembered him.

Cochrane, of course, was successful at Detroit. He won two pennants in succession and then ran second twice to the Yankees. So he was fired for incompetence this year, when his Tigers were fifth, and the stage ostensibly was set for his long-delayed jaunt to Boston.

## Bucky's Record Here Is Good.

Now the rumor-mongers say that Cochrane, while he probably will come to Boston, will not come as manager. There seems to be a suspicion growing that Cochrane, while a great catcher and a fine playing manager, is not so hot as a bench pilot. Mickey's days as a player were ended more than a year ago when he was hit in the head with a pitched ball flung by Bump Hadley of the Yankees. Since then he directed his Tigers from the bench.

The tip is out that Mickey will come to Boston as a coach or in some capacity other than manager. The pilot wanted by a violent minority in Boston is Harris, who led a pretty bad Red Sox club to fourth place in 1934 and whose record, off that single year of managing, surpasses any compiled by the Sox up to this season. This year Cronin is sure to finish with a better percentage than Harris' 1934 club, but Bucky did his managing before Cramer, Grove, Cronin, Fox and Vosek were around to help out.

It is all very bewildering. Harris and Collins get along like a mongoose and a kinsnake, a stray cat and a pampered dog. And there is no talk yet of Collins getting the heave-ho, which probably would be necessary if there is any truth to the rumor that Bucky will wind up in Boston again.

## Cronin Is Logical Nat Boss.

This, of course, is an early date to be talking of Cronin returning to Washington, Harris returning to Boston and Cochrane returning to baseball. Still, when the tipsters said Walter Briggs was going to fire Cochrane off the Detroit back in June everybody laughed and said it couldn't happen. A few gullibles who fell for the rumor had it right; the smart guys were surprised.

As far as anybody in Washington has been able to figure Cronin is the logical man to fill Griffith's swivel chair when and if the Old Fox decided to put on his slippers and let somebody else do the worrying. There was some talk of young Calvin Griffith taking over the reins, but this has faded out.

Young Calvin is the adopted son of the old gent. He played some pretty good baseball for George Washington and warmed down a mean section of the bench during the basketball season. When he finished school Griffith sent him down to Chattanooga to run the Senators' biggest farm team.

Calvin may have made his mistakes, but he never was dull. One of his early acts was to take up the season pass of Chattanooga's leading sports editor. It developed that Cal objected to some criticism in the public prints.

In the end the sports editor was at his desk, but Calvin was gone. The young man was recalled by Griffith and Chattanooga was sold to Joe Engel, a respected town character. Calvin was shipped to Charlotte to conduct a lesser farm and to date he has barred no newspapermen and even has his club in the pennant race. But Calvin probably won't be the guy who will run the Washington club next. He may hold down one of the swivel chairs, but Cronin probably will be the next gent who will sit under the reindeer head at Seventh and Florida avenue.

## Recalled German Racketers Plead for Stay in America

By the Associated Press.

BROOKLINE, Mass., Aug. 20.—Badly beaten by Australia in the first three matches of the Davis Cup inter-zone final, Germany's 4-man tennis team today was "requested" to cut short its American tour and return home for a "rest."

A cablegram from Capt. E. C. Schoenborn, president of the German Tennis Federation, reached F. C. Uhl, non-playing captain of the German team, shortly before Henner Henkel and Georg Von Metaxa, the German singles players, took the court against Adrian Quist and Jack Bromwich, respectively, in the final two matches of the play-off.

Path Pleds for Germans. German players were stunned by the news. They had been counting on playing in the United States doubles championships starting here on Monday, in the national singles at Forest Hills in September, and in other tournaments on the Pacific Coast later.

The ailing Henkel took the court and merely went through the motions as he took a 6-1, 6-0, 6-4 blasting from Quist. Metaxa was little better as Bromwich polished him off at 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 to provide the Australians with the clean sweep of the series that their coach, George M. Lott, had predicted. They had clinched the right to meet the United States for the cup by winning the doubles yesterday.

The German squad still hoped the federation would change its mind. Walter L. Pate, official of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, tonight cabled an appeal to the federation to have the team remain, and to Capt. Uhl said he would wait for a reply before making further plans.

## Team Won Out.

According to Uhl, the cablegram from Schoenborn merely said: "Team requested to return home in order to be saved from too much tennis."

"We have been campaigning continuously since April," said Uhl, "and have played five Davis Cup matches besides participating at Wimbledon, Hamburg and other tournaments."

"While not detracting in any way from the Australians, who played very well, it was obvious that our men were overtrained and needed more time to offset the change to grass courts."

The Germans not only failed to take a single set in the five matches, but they carried only one to defeat. Contributing to their showing, of course, was the poor physical condition of Henkel, who suffered from a tennis elbow.

The fourth member of the German squad, Rolf Goepfert, a substitute, didn't see any action except in an exhibition yesterday.

## Probable Hurlers In Majors Today

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Probable pitchers in the major leagues tomorrow: (Won-lost records in parentheses):

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Washington at Boston (2)—Appleton (3-5) and Kraus (1-4) vs. Willson (1-0) and Erickson (4-5) vs. Philadelphia (2)—Gomez (12-10) and Ruffing (16-4) vs. Caster (12-15) and E. Smith (5-7). Chicago at Cleveland (2)—Lyons (4-2) and Knab (4-7) vs. Allen (13-5) and Milner (1-0).

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Philadelphia at New York—Butcher (5-5) vs. Melton (10-11). Boston at Brooklyn (2)—Turner (11-9) and Erickson (4-5) vs. Fitzsimmons (8-6) and Fossel (8-6). Pittsburgh at Chicago (2)—Blanton (16-2) and Bauer (8-9) vs. Lee (14-8) and Carleton (8-8). Cincinnati at St. Louis (2)—Walters (10-12) and Davis (7-9) vs. Schatz (4-2) vs. Brown (14-5) and Moore (4-10).



Dis Dean fell down two ways yesterday. He flopped while swinging at the ball his first time at bat and was slammed off the slab in the sixth inning of the Pirates' 5-2 win. Sears is the umpire and Todd is catching for the Bucs.

## Budge Given Battle by Wood Before Retiring Net Trophy; Tandem Title Also Hard-Won

By the Associated Press.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 20.—Two members of the U. S. Davis Cup team, Don Budge and Gene Mako, indicated today they were prepared for any immediate assignment when they dominated final play in the 22nd Newport Casino Tennis Tournament. Budge retired the Casino's huge bowl in the morning by defeating a former international teammate and ex-Wimbledon winner, Sydney Wood, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2. Several hours later, he and Mako swept through Wilmer Allison and Johnny Van Ryn, the Austin, Tex., veterans, 7-5, 7-5, 6-2, in the doubles final.

Both Matches Exciting. Although both matches were decided in straight sets, they were keen and exciting affairs, the singles wind-up especially. Budge won that because he was able to keep Wood in back of the baselines during most of the match, thereby preventing that clever tennis stylist from using the best shots in his wide assortment often enough to do him any good.

While Budge kept Wood at long range, permitting him to use nothing but drives, he broke through his service six times, despite the fact Sydney generated enough power to blast for nine service aces.

The few times Wood did manage to get to the net, he threw scares into the international titlist by out-railling him with beautifully sliced dropshots or steaming passing drives.

The reason the carrot-topped Californian became the first to take a Casino Bowl since Bill Tilden retired in 1928 was that he forced the frustrated Wood to bat 34 shots, mostly forehanders, out of bounds and drive 32 back.

The series among sandlot league champions for the city title and the honor of representing Washington in the annual national tournament at Pittsburgh will open tomorrow with a game on the Ellipse between Fort Belvoir and Procurement, winners in the Herald-Government and Departmental Leagues, respectively.

Five teams, the cream of local diamonds, will compete. A team losing two games will be eliminated. No game is scheduled Tuesday, but on Wednesday one of the most important games in the series will be played as Peppo, defending city champion and winner in the Commercial League, tangles with Bureau Investigation, a U. S. Government credit winner and a co-favorite with Peppo to take the title this year.

The Industrial League champion, which has yet to be decided, will meet the winner of the Fort Belvoir-Procurement game on Thursday. On Friday the loser of Monday's game will play Wednesday's loser, and Wednesday's and Thursday's victors will clash Saturday.

## League Statistics

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## AMERICAN.

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## KNIFE TO BE USED ON HUBBELL'S ARM

By the Associated Press.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 20.—A bone specialist ordered an operation today for Carl Hubbell, depriving the New York Giants of their ace hurler in the thick of the fight for the National League pennant.

The specialist, Dr. J. Spencer Speed, said the operation to be performed Monday should greatly improve the screw-ball pitcher's ailing left arm. Whether the southpaw star will be able to pitch again this season remained in doubt.

There is a chance, the surgeon said, that Hubbell will be able to take the mound again before the flag chase ends, but as Hubbell expressed it "the season probably will be about ended."

In Pain All Season. There is a loose piece of bone in the joint of the left elbow.

"If I'm able to go and Terry tells me to go, I'll get out there and pitch the best I can," Hubbell said when he was told the operation might make it possible for him to pitch this season.

Lou Chiozza, Giant second baseman, who came home three weeks ago with an injured shoulder, greeted Hubbell when he arrived by plane from New York early today, and spent most of the day with his teammate.

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